

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR VALIDATING A  
REMOTE DEVICE

ABSTRACT

5        Provided are a method, system, and article of manufacture, wherein in certain  
embodiments a first device determines a possibility of an invalidation of a second device,  
wherein the first device is coupled to the second device via a fabric. A query is sent from  
the first device to validate the second device, in response to determining the possibility of  
the invalidation of the second device. A determination is made, at the first device,  
10 whether to continue I/O operations from the first device to the second device based on  
receiving a response to the query within a time period.